According to information available with the Government, one doctor was arrested in Karnataka and later on released on bail. Two doctors have been de-registered by Karnataka Medical Council.

(c) The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 has since been enforced with effect from 4-2-1995 in the States of Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra and all the Union Territories. All other State Governments have been requested to adopt this Act or to enact their own legislation.

(d) Suitable provisions have been made in the Act in his regard. Appointment of Appropriate Authority and Authorisation Committees has already been done for Union Territories & NCT of Delhi.

(e) Does not arise.

Better Pill for workers in Drug Sector

667. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "it's bitter pill for workers in drug sector" published in the "Indian Express" dated the 20th February, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government share the perception of the participants reported therein;

(c) what steps are being contemplated to safeguard the health of drug workers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Adequate measures have been made in the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to safeguard the workers in Drug Industry against hazards including chemical hazards. The workers are required to be provided with clean uniforms, masks, head-gears and gloves besides facilities for washing. Provision for disposal of wastes and other residues which are hazardous to health is one of the requirements for grant of licence for manufacture of bulk drugs.

(d) Does not arise.

Findings of the study on use of Shampoo

668. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the 'Economic Times' dated the 11th January, 1995 under the caption "Shampoo may cause cancer: Study";

(b) if so, whether Government would ascertain and evaluate the findings of the study;

(c) if so, what agency is to be entrusted with the job; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Medical Research has evaluated the findings of the study.

(d) Question does not arise.

High HIV rate among housewives

669. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item that appeared in "Times of India", Mumbai edition dated the 12th December, 1994 under the caption "High HIV rate among housewives";

(b) whether it is a fact that the AIDS epidemic has now entered the phase III; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take in educating the housewives in metro and major metro cities?